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CLiCK co-founder and president Phoebe Godfrey (far left) leads Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky and others on a tour of the facility, which includes a commercial kitchen and a community garden.

FOOD HUB DESIGNED TO BENEFIT FARMERS, PRODUCERS, HEALTH OF COMMUNITY

By Steve Jensen, Office of Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky

WINDHAM - In a nondescript former banquet hall that had long seen its better days, a food processing and nutrition-education hub is being cultivated with an eye toward improving opportunities for growers and the health of the community.

Featuring a commercial kitchen and community garden, the non-profit CLiCK, (Commercially Licensed Cooperative Kitchen), now occupies the old Knights of Columbus building on Club Road.

After five years of planning and securing start-up funding, CLiCK opened its doors last month to farmers, food producers, chefs, bakers and anyone else interested in making or learning about food prepared with freshly-grown ingredients.

Another major focus is to support the development of local farm-to-table opportunities, provide technical assistance to producers, and offer education and training in culinary arts and nutrition.

CLiCK President and co-founder Phoebe Godfrey, who lives in Willimantic and was a former director of the well-known local food co-op, said the larger goal is to improve the health of the region, especially among younger people in economically-distressed areas.

"We are focused on sustainability and on helping people become aware of where their food comes from, as opposed to thinking it just pops up in the supermarket," said Godfrey, a sociology professor at UConn who teaches courses on food, climate change, sustainability and social justice. "This is a perfect place to create a food hub for the entire area."

CLiCK has received a variety of state and federal grants to purchase and renovate the building and to buy commercial kitchen equipment, including a freezer obtained with the assistance of a Farm Viability Grant from the state agriculture department.

"Providing the space and equipment for farmers to make value-added products could be a huge boost for growers and consumers in this area," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said after a recent tour of the facility. "There are a lot of moving parts that go into creating and maintaining an operation like this, and we are pleased to be able to help make it happen."

Kitchen and shelf space are rented by the day or month, and the fees used to help sustain the operation.

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	98.00	110.00
boners 80-85% lean	97.00	110.50
lean 88-90% lean	95.00	103.00
CALVES graded bull		
No 1 114-128 lbs	425.00	585.00
No 1 98-112 lbs	495.00	575.00
No 1 86-96 lbs	522.00	610.00
No 2 106-128 lbs	400.00	525.00
No 2 80-104 lbs	450.00	515.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	152.00	157.50
Ch2-3	148.00	153.50
Sel1-3	144.00	149.25
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	139.00	144.50
Ch2-3	134.00	140.00
Sel1-3	135.00	140.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	151.50	152.00
Ch2-3	144.50	149.00
Sel1-3	135.00	140.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-60 lbs	240.00	265.00
60-70 lbs	235.00	255.00
70-80 lbs	224.00	232.00
80-90 lbs	212.00	244.00
90-110 lbs	200.00	216.00
110-130 lbs	165.00	188.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
110-130 lbs	100.00	120.00
BUCKS		
120-160 lbs	155.00	160.00
160-200 lbs	107.00	120.00
200-300 lbs	90.00	102.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.		
40-50 lbs	145.00	150.00
50-60 lbs	182.00	195.00
60-80 lbs	245.00	255.00
Nannies/Does:		
80-130 lbs	210.00	225.00
130-180 lbs	220.00	250.00
Bucks/Billies:		
100-150 lbs	290.00	340.00
150-250 lbs	360.00	395.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

52-56	200-300 lbs	53.00	56.00
	300-350 lbs	51.00	56.00
48-52	200-250 lbs	48.00	54.00
	250-300 lbs	45.00	51.00
	300-350 lbs	44.00	49.00
	350-400 lbs	40.50	45.00
Sows, US1-3			
	350-500 lbs	26.00	31.00
	500-750 lbs	30.00	33.50
Boars			
	250-350 lbs	34.00	36.00
	400-750 lbs	8.00	8.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB	14.00	14.00
BEANS, GREEN, BU	30.00	34.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	30.00	45.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	45.00	45.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LB	6.00	7.00
BEETS, GOLDEN, 25 LBS	22.00	24.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12-1 PT/LIDS	30.00	35.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12-PULP PTS	30.00	32.00
BROCCOLI, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
CABBAGE, GRN, MED/LGE, 50LB	10.00	11.00
CABBAGE, RED, MED, 50 LB	15.00	15.00
CHERRIES, 12-1PT	25.00	25.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GAL	21.00	21.00
CORN, 50 EARS	15.00	15.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	17.00	22.00
CUKES, 1-1/9 BU	24.00	30.00
CUKES, PICKLING, 1-1/9 BU	25.00	30.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9 BU	24.00	24.00
KALE, 12 CT	12.00	12.00
LETTUCE, HYDR0PONIC, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
LETTUCE, LF, RED 12 CT	12.00	15.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, 12 CT	12.00	13.00
PARSNIPS, 25LBS	26.00	26.00
PEPPERS, JALAPENO, 30LB	22.00	26.00
RASPBERRIES, 12-1/2PTS	25.00	25.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 20 LB	26.00	28.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU	20.00	22.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU	20.00	22.00
TOMATOES, GRHSE, 12 LB	22.00	24.00
TOMATOES, GHSE, VR, 25 LB	20.00	22.00
TOMATOES, CHRY, GHSE, 5LB	12.00	14.00
TOMS, HEIRLOOM, GH, 10LB	23.00	25.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOTS, WA, 2LYR PK, 72	28.00	28.00
CANTALOUPE, GA, 9	13.00	14.00
CHERRIES, WA, 9.5RW, 18LB	36.00	40.00
GARLIC, WHITE, CA, 30LB	64.00	68.00
GRAPE, BLK, SDLS, CA, 18LB, #1	26.00	26.00
LEEKs, CA, BUNCHED, 12 CT	18.00	22.00
NECTARINE, CA, 2 LYR, 42	26.00	26.00
OKRA, FL, 1/2 BU	18.00	22.00
ONIONS, SWEET, GA, 40LBS	26.00	28.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 30 CT	25.00	28.00
PEACHES, GA, 1/2 BU, 2-3/4"	21.00	21.00
PEAS, SUGAR SNAP, CA, 10 LB	48.00	48.00
PEPPERS, BELL, NJ, LGE, 1-1/9BU	24.00	26.00
PLUMS, BLK, CA, 28LB, 30-35	30.00	32.00
RADISHES, NJ, BUNCHED, 24 CT	13.00	17.00
TURNIPGRNS, NJ, BNCH12-16CT	14.00	16.00
TURNIP, PRPLE TOPS, NJ, 25LB	20.00	20.00
WTRMLN, SDLS, GA, 10-14LB, EA	3.00	3.50

USDA NORTHEAST RETAIL BEEF

RIBEYE STEAK	9.99	9.99
TENDERLOIN	15.99	15.99
STRIP STEAK, B/IN	12.99	12.99
BOTTOM RND ROAST	4.99	4.99
CHUCK ROAST	4.99	5.49
GROUND BEEF, 80-89%	4.49	6.99

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

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	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	100.00	120.00
61-75 lbs.	130.00	140.00
76-90 lbs.	435.00	440.00
91-105 lbs.	450.00	460.00
106 lbs. & up	465.00	480.00
Farm Calves	485.00	490.00
Starter Calves	85.00	110.00
Veal Calves	150.00	250.00
Open Heifers	145.00	190.00
Beef Heifers	115.00	125.00
Feeder Steers	145.00	195.00
Beef Steers	130.00	162.50
Stock Bulls	140.00	195.00
Beef Bulls	130.00	142.50
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs	70.00	75.00
Sheep	90.00	250.00
Lambs	130.00	230.00
Goats each	90.00	320.00
Kid Goats	55.00	200.00
Canners	up to	101.00
Cutters	102.00	105.00
Utility Grade Cows	106.00	109.00
Rabbits each	3.00	14.00
Chickens each	3.00	25.00
Ducks each	5.00	20.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDAPer doz. Grade A and Grade A white
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.81	1.99
LARGE	1.75	1.89
MEDIUM	1.45	1.58

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGSPer doz. Grade A brown in
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	2.25	2.35
LARGE	2.17	2.33
MEDIUM	1.80	2.03

PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY

US #1-2	20-30 lb	150.00	150.00
	30-40 lb	110.00	300.00
	40-50 lb	100.00	130.00
	50-60 lb	85.00	140.00
	60-80 lb	85.00	120.00
US #2-3	20-30 lb	100.00	170.00
	30-40 lb	130.00	140.00
	40-50 lb	100.00	100.00
	50-60 lb	110.00	110.00
	60-80 lb	85.00	85.00

USDA-WHOLESALE**MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

LNG ISLND DUCKS, 4-5 LB	2.36	2.42
ROASTERS, 5LB&UP (6-9/BOX)	83.00	95.00
SQUAB, 15 OZ, PER DOZ/BOX	117.45	142.65

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The Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications to showcase Connecticut Grown products, services, or agricultural commodities in the Connecticut Building at the upcoming Eastern State's Exposition (Big E.)

The fair runs from Friday, September 18 to Sunday, October 4. Applications are due by Wednesday, July 15, at 3 p.m. Applications are available for download at CTGrown.gov. Questions may be directed to 860-713-2503 or Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov.

USDA OFFERS FREE WEBINAR AND TWITTER CHAT ON HEALTHY BACKYARD POULTRY

The USDA is offering a free webinar and Twitter chat to help new and veteran poultry owners learn more about maintaining healthy flocks.

Highly pathogenic avian influenza cases were confirmed in some areas of the country earlier this year and proper biosecurity is essential to prevent this disease from entering a flock or spreading to new flocks.

The hour-long webinar will take place on Thursday, August 6 at 7 p.m. To guarantee a place at the webinar, register now at healthy-birdswebinar.com and then enter the password: Chickens.

A Twitter chat that will run alongside the webinar can be accessed by using #Chickenchat 2015. The event is hosted by Andy Schneider, a national media personality who serves as the Biosecurity For Birds campaign spokesperson and Dr. Jo Anna Quinn, a veterinary medical officer and poultry health specialist with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

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Current clients include a small company from nearby Hanover called Nourish, which offers its "plant-based alternative" foods at the Willimantic Food Co-op and area farmers' markets.

One of the products the company was making recently at CLiCK was a brownie made from black beans. They also had two 5-gallon buckets of freshly-made sauerkraut fermenting on a shelf.

As Godfrey led a tour of the facility, a young woman driving a pickup pulled into the parking lot towing a food vending cart from which she once sold only hot dogs. She now uses the CLiCK kitchen to prepare healthier alternatives like fruit and salads.

CLiCK's main teaching kitchen was installed in what was once the building's roomy bar area. It features large aluminum tables that are well-spaced, and was intentionally kept simple.

"We made it home-style instead of being in a big intimidating commercial kitchen so people can learn here and think they can do this at home," said Maraiah Popeleski, CLiCK's general manager.

Popeleski is focused on raising food awareness of young people, especially those considered at-risk, and is working with the Grow Windham community gardening organization to create a summer gardening and cooking program for local youths.

"My passion is to teach a kid how to fry an egg, how to break apart a chicken and how to cook good things for themselves and maybe make a salad once in a while instead of relying on fast food," she said.

Another CLiCK director is Hedley Freake, a professor of nutrition at UConn, who hopes to use the facility to address what he sees as a pressing need for people to improve their health through better eating.

"How do you target diabetes? You teach people to cook for themselves," he said.

Added Godfrey: "You can either pay the doctor or the farmer. Why not pay the farmer?"

CLiCK also will teach cultivation skills through its community garden, as well as through a few dozen fruit trees and ten blueberry bushes that have been planted at the facility.

A pair of beehives have been installed near the small orchard to facilitate pollination. A donated "Earth Tub" composting tank sits nearby, which will provide an outlet for waste and nutrients for the garden and orchard.

Also in the works are plans to work with Eastern Connecticut State University's Institute for Sustainable Energy and UConn's student chapter of Engineers Without Borders to develop green technologies such as solar panels and a rainwater capturing system.

"We didn't want this to just be about food," Popeleski said. "We want to give people the experience of connecting with the land and the outdoors."

CLiCK's mission to increase food awareness in any way possible will soon extend to the exterior of the building itself. A mural has been designed for the facade that traces the evolution of agriculture and food production— from indigenous people to colonials to the industrial age and the recent return to emphasis on local food.

Although still in its infancy, CLiCK is already drawing the attention of others thinking of opening similar facilities.

"We have a group from Bridgeport coming up to see what we are doing and we are getting emails from all over," Godfrey said. "There's a lot of interest in this kind of operation around the country."



Clockwise from above: Beehives used for pollination on the grounds of CLICK in Windham; a planned mural tracing the evolution of agriculture and food production; a composting tank; part of the commercial kitchen available for rent by farmers and others to process produce into value-added products.



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